THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not proposed to regularise such occupation on long term basis.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property

4330. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any property requisitioned under the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952 and its Amendment Act, 1970 lays down that the Central Government would released/ derequisition any property requisitioned u/s 6 of the said Act on or before the expiry of a period of 15 years from such requisition; if so, what are the details thereof.

(b) whether Government have ordered the release of such properties still under illegal occupation of the MCD in spite of vacation orders and expiry of a period of 15 years for derequisition mentioned in part (a) above; if so, what are the details of orders; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir, by on amendment made in 1980 (35 of 1980) in the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952, a provision was made that any property could be held in requsition for a maximum period of 15 years. However, some properties which were with Ministry of Defence, erstwhile Ministry of Works & Housing and Delhi Admn. etc. were still required for public use even after the expiry of this date. Therefore, by an Ordinance in 1985 (2 of 85) this period for whichproperty could be requisitioned was raised by 2 years. Subsequently, this Ordinance was replaced by an Amendment Act, 1985.

(b) and (c) While the Government has not issued individual orders for release of requisitioned property, it is upto the concerned requisitioning agency to take action as per the existing provision of the Act.

4331. [*Transferred to the 26th March*, 1992.]

Plan to flow water towards desert area of Rajasthan

4332. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to divert the flow of rivers and canals towards the sesert areas of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) National Water Development Agency has under the National Perspective of Water Resources Development, recently taken up a broad based study of the Himalayan Rivers Development component which *inter-alia* envisages diversion of surplus monsoon waters from River Ganga and its estern tributaries to the water short areas of Rajasthan also. Their report is expected to be available by the end of the 8th Plan.

Command area development project

4333. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government to assist and strengthen the activities of irrigation and agriculture under Command Area Development project in Kota and Bikaner Divisions of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have approached to get some aid from foreign countries to implement the Command Area Development schemes; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Kota and Bikaner Divisions of Rajasthan are covered by the Chambal and Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana Command Area Development Projects respectively, under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme. The objectives of the Command Area Development Programme is to improve utilisation of created irrigation potential and to improve production/productivity from irrigated command. A number of Command Area Development activities relating to irrigation agriculture development such as construction of field channels field drains, land levelling/shaping, implementation of warabandi, carrying out adaptive trials, demonstration, training, farmers participation etc. are being undertaken under this programme for which central assistance on matching basis for selected activities are made available under an approved financing pattern.

(b) and (c) An agreement was signed in February, 1990 between India and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to participate in a research and development project to improve agricultural land and water management practices in the irrigated areas of Chambal Command and Indira Gandhi Nahar Project. The CIDA assistance is around 62.07 million Canadian dollars.

A loan agreement was also signed in March, 1990 with Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan in scrutiny of existing design and performance of main canal and to furnish design and estimates for works relating to seepage conrol, control and removal of blown sand and control and removal of aquatic weeds from main canal of the Indira Gandhi Pariyojana. The estimated loan amount is around 84 million yen.

The Chambal Phase II Project submitted by the Government of Rajasthan is under process for posing for external assistance.

Sharing of river waters with Bangladesh

4334. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Bangladesh Joint River Commission's meeting was recently held at Dhaka to decide the sharing of river waters;

(b) whether both the countries have agreed to share the water of Teesta river; and

(c) if so, the details of the issues discussed in the said meeting and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The last meeting of Indo-Bangladesh Joint River Commission was held at Dhaka in June, 1990.

(b) For sharing the waer of Teesta river no agreement has been reached.

(c) The Commission Meeting at Dhaka attached importance to the need of an agreement on sharing of the waters of Ganga and Teesta river and directed for expediting the works regarding it.

Water dispute between Rajasthan and Punjab

4335. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic Times, New Delhi, dated 6th February, 1992 under caption "Water disputes with Punjab loom large";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold discussion with Chief Ministers of Punjab and Rajasthan to remove the differences, if any particularly on the closing of the SARHIND feeder for some